

General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 422

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LCO No. 2064

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by: (PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 54-123d of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):
- 3 (a) The judicial branch [may] <u>in collaboration with the</u>
- 4 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall establish,
- 5 within available appropriations, in the judicial [district] districts, of
- 6 New Haven, <u>Hartford and Windham</u>, an alternative incarceration
- 7 <u>supportive housing</u> center that, in addition to the programs and
- 8 services <u>traditionally</u> offered by an alternative incarceration [center]
- 9 program, provides supportive housing services that include a
- 10 residential and day reporting program for accused and convicted
- 11 persons with mental health needs <u>and substance use disorders</u>.
- 12 (b) A full range of mental health services and services for
- 13 individuals with substance use disorders shall, within available
- 14 appropriations, be provided to the [program participants] alternative
- 15 <u>incarceration supportive housing residents</u>. A clinical coordinator shall

- work with the director of [the] each alternative incarceration 16
- 17 supportive housing center in facilitating timely access to appropriate
- 18 services and shall develop a network of community, social and
- 19 vocational rehabilitation supports that will enhance successful
- 20 program participation and long-term community integration.
- 21 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The sum of _____ dollars is appropriated
- 22 to the Judicial Department, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year
- 23 ending June 30, 2009, for alternative incarceration programs so as to
- 24 permit an expansion of the alternative incarceration supportive
- 25 housing centers as described in section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2008	54-123d
Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To more effectively address the needs of individuals in the criminal justice system who require mental health or substance use disorder treatment services through expanded use of alternative incarceration supportive housing centers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]